

Retribution is Not an Option for Sons

With all that's going on in the world today, with 'Cancel Culture' destroying conservative's culture and values, its very easy for us to want to see retribution for our loss. We must be very careful of this attitude, because it's not Father's desire for us to respond that way. We may feel that it's his desire because we anthropomorphise him, assigning him human thoughts and values, but that's really a wrong thing to do.

Alternatively, we may think we have Father's mind and values as we look with an OT mindset at what's going on. That's also wrong. That's because it's religion causing us to think that way, not Holy Spirit. Even if we're totally convinced we are right thinking this way, we're not right.

It's true, we are permitted to judge,¹ especially as we are sons, but also because we're planet managers given the task of overseeing the affairs of Earth. However, although we have this prerogative, it is better to assess, evaluate and discern, instead of judging.² That's because the judging we do usually includes passing sentence instead of just weighing the evidence. Jesus taught that we are permitted to judge, but we must do it righteously (i.e. the way that's right in Father's eyes).³

Our response to people has to be different because we're Father's representatives. To do that, we must properly evaluate everything through his mind. Here's his mind on the matter:

*"Forgive those who have offended you, and be generous by responding with consideration and kindness. **Retribution is not an option for those who seek to live and walk in My Spirit.** Remember that vengeance is Mine."*⁴

REMEMBER: Forgiveness, humility, meekness, graciousness and love are the hallmarks of true sons.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – "Are We Permitted to Judge Others?"
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/KINGDOM-are-we-permitted-to-judge-others.pdf

2 – "They Still Say 'Don't Judge'"
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/They-Still-Say-Dont-Judge.pdf

3 – John 7:24 (NKJV)

4 – "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (9-2-2021) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm
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